

SOCCER DAWNING IN AMERICAN SPORTS

Less Dangerous and More Open
Football Becoming More
Popular.

HARVARD STRONG FOR IT

Yale and Princeton Also Giving
More Attention Than Ever
Before to Game.

NEW YORK, December 8.—There is every evidence that soccer is shortly to come into its own at three big universities at least. The Yale eleven has already played a greater number of games this fall than has ever been the case before. Princeton, although not in the intercollegiate soccer league, is developing considerable enthusiasm for this sport. And it became known yesterday that the Harvard athletic authorities intend to raise soccer to the plane of major sports, including it in the category with football, rowing, baseball and track. The army will also join in procession at an early date. So that before very long there is every reason to believe that this open football will be played on all college campuses.

The Harvard soccer team has already had a very considerable amount of practice and is getting more daily on Soldiers' Field, which has usually been a sort of "deserted village" at this time of the year. All that has been changed. Now there are usually four or five, and sometimes more, soccer games in progress, and the Harvard eleven is kicking and dribbling the ball instead of waiting for the spring, when the regular series of intercollegiate soccer games is scheduled. To have one team Harvard may be said to have at the present moment several elevens all highly proficient in this game. And the Crimson is making no secret of its intention and desire to carry off the championship this coming year.

Not only is soccer being played by the members of the large squad, but the candidates for the soccer "H," but the Harvard hockey men have been using it, whereby to get into condition for the game. The Harvard soccer team has also been out in the past fortnight for the same purpose. This state of affairs will continue until the Christmas holidays, when the game will probably be allowed to lapse until early spring, when the season will be around well again. Such conditions as to permit further play.

Harvard in High Hope.
Several leading colleges will be met early in the season, and Harvard has every hope of defeating them all. Particularly is she desirous of doing so, because it is the intention to further soccer as a major sport. But there is another impulse which has had a very considerable influence on the Crimson's recent decision to put this game on a par with all others.

It is felt in Cambridge—particularly by the students of the undergraduate schools—that the present game of college football is no for them, nor can it be made so regardless of any changes which may be made in the rules. They feel, according to a Harvard senior, that the greatest defect of the present college athletics is that they are not played by a properly representative portion of the university. According to him, what is needed in every such institution to-day is a game that will require very little equipment—thereby permitting the man of a variety of means and who is not a member of a varsity squad to play it—and yet shall develop initiative, courage, agility and speed. It is to soccer, therefore, that the Harvard undergraduates are now looking for this purpose.

"Football as it is played to-day," said this Harvard man yesterday, "and what chance have I got in it?" (The speaker was a slender man, weighing some 145 pounds, and standing about five feet seven.) "They'd get my scalp so quickly in that game that I'd never even know I'd been the leading figure in the massacre. Yet I love outdoor sport. So that by virtue of my deficiency in weight and size I'm kept from doing any real athletic work in the fall. So is almost every man in college situated like myself."

"What we need, therefore, is a safe and sane sport that every one of us can play and enjoy. We do not want any elaborate coaching system or training table. We just want to feel that, once we've got our muscles hardened up by running around, we can get out and play a hard, fast game without fear of serious injury—and do this regardless

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of the weight of the men against whom we play. In a game like soccer a big man has 'nothing on' his smaller opponent. Speed and courage are far more than mere brute strength. So that, if you are trying to find a game that every college man or preparatory school boy can play safely and with profit, you've simply got to admit soccer's claims.

"That's why the faculty at Harvard has given a practically unanimous consent to make soccer a major sport. Now that we've gained their permission we'll be able to work toward the end we all want to reach, athletic training in a game for every student, regardless of size, weight and strength of his body or purse. Soccer is bound to become 'every man's game.' I'm glad that Harvard has taken the lead and initiative in this movement."

Dr. Cecil Herbert, of the Yale University faculty, recently told a Times reporter that the day of soccer was dawning in America, particularly for men who were under thirty-five or forty years of age and wanted some sport a little more violent than golf. He pointed out that provided a man's heart was in good shape so that he could withstand the strain of running, there was no reason in the world why a man of so-called "middle" age should not play soccer.

"I believe it will be generally admitted," he said, "that a team sport is better than a merely individual one. In any good team game a man is de-

veloped to his highest point of individual usefulness, but with an eye to his taking an allotted and carefully planned place in a machine. His initiative is developed not to the point of selfishness, but to the better plane of self-interest and efficiency for a common cause.

"One of the greatest defects of athletics in America—excepting only baseball—is that far too many people of all ages are content to be mere spectators and not participants. What they should seek, instead of watching, is playing the game, some good, healthy game. Golf and tennis are all well enough for the individual. What we want is some game that, like baseball, can be almost universally played and at almost all times of the year. Soccer is the nearest thing to an all-year-round game that I know of."

FINE SCHEDULE FOR BASKETBALL

Washington and Lee Team Will Meet Leading Colleges.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]

LEXINGTON, Va., December 8.—Manager H. A. Derr has just issued the basketball schedule for 1910, which is the hardest Washington and Lee has yet had to play. In addition to games at home with the University of Virginia, Davidson, Hampden-Sidney and Georgetown, the team will take a Northern trip, playing Georgetown in Washington, St. Mary's and St. John's. This arrangement of games will test the capacity of the team, but judging from the successes in the past and the material in college at present, the record should be a good one.

The team in 1908 never lost a game, though playing a hard schedule throughout the State, and last year's team, though unsuccessful on the Northern trip, was far above the average. In all likelihood there will be very few changes this year; Osborn, center; Smart, last year's captain and guard; Glasgow, guard; Hanna and Boyd, forwards, all back this year, and it will be a difficult matter for any of the new men to find a position. Of these, however, several are showing up unusually strong. The most promising are Schlossburg, of William and Mary; Craig and Hook, Burke, another new man, comes with a strong reputation from Arkansas, and from all appearance will make a hard fight for a place. Following is the schedule in detail.

January 14—Davidson College at Lexington.
January 21—Hampden-Sidney, at Lexington.
January 28—University of Virginia, at Lexington.
February 4—V. P. I., at Lexington.
February 12—V. P. I., at Blacksburg.
February 18—Georgetown, at Lexington.
February 21—University of Virginia, at Charlottesville.
February 22—Georgetown, at Washington.
February 23—Central Y. M. C. A., of Baltimore, at Baltimore.
February 24—Mt. St. Mary's College, at Emmitsburg.
February 25—St. John's College, at Annapolis.

Expelled From Trotting Association.
NEW YORK, December 8.—Miss Elsie Palmer, of Pimlico, Md., was expelled from membership in the National Trotting Association at a meeting of the association's board of review here to-day. The charge against her was that she started her pacer, George B. Britin, out of his class and under the name of "Aristocrat" at the State Fair at Timonium, Md., last fall.

OLDFIELD MAKES NEW RECORD.
Spectacular Drive for Fifty Miles Over Frozen Track.
DALLAS, TEX., December 8.—With his face wrapped in woolen bandages,

and wearing heavy fur gloves and fur overcoat, Barney Oldfield drove his 120-horsepower Benz race car in the teeth of a Texas Northern this afternoon and broke the fifty-mile world's circular track record, which has stood for over five years. He covered the half century in 47:18, as against the old mark of 48:10, made by himself in Fresno, Calif., in 1904. Oldfield got inside the previous record of thirty miles and broke every mark to the end of the run.

Oldfield's drive was spectacular. The track was frozen in places, and the radiator of his car was filled with alcohol as the only preventive against freezing. At the finish of the drive Oldfield's hands had to be pulled loose from the steering wheel by his assistant, having been affected by the intense cold at no high speed.

H. R. Green, member of the American Automobile Association contest board, acted as referee, and as the meeting was sanctioned the record will be accepted as official.

Princeton Wins Basketball Game.
PRINCETON, N. J., December 8.—Princeton defeated the Crescent Athletic Club, of Brooklyn, at basketball to-night, 34 to 25.

PERFECT WEATHER AND CLASSY CARD

Combination Brings Big Crowd to Witness Racing at Moncrief Park.

JACKSONVILLE, FLA., December 8.—A good card, and perfect weather was the incentive for a large gathering at Moncrief Park to-day. Mary F. and Oberon, both favorites, were heavily played and won their respective races, Oberon's victory in the sixth event being one of the prettiest of the day. Ben Double, owned by a local horseman, was heavily played at 5 to 2, and beat out the favorite, Mazuma, in the seventh event, winning the feature, the Atlantic selling stake. Summaries:

First race—six furlongs breeders' purse—Pallas, 114 (Peak), 6 to 1, first; Broom Friend, 119 (Palm), 3 to 1, second; Mazuma, 112 (Hannan), 15 to 1, third. Time, 1:37.2-5.

Second race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Coonskin, 108 (Butwell), 5 to 1, first; Phoronic, 105 (Reid), 5 to 1, second; Saraband, 107 (Tracy), 6 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.2-5.

Third race—six furlongs, selling—Mary F., 102 (J. Henry), 8 to 5, first; Flurry, 105 (Obert), 12 to 1, second; Topsy Robinson, 107 (Mugrave), 7 to 2, third. Time, 1:35.2-5.

Fourth race—five and one-half furlongs, seven furlongs—Ben Double, 111 (Howard), 5 to 2, first; Mazuma, 113 (Mugrave), 9 to 5, second; Top Note, 102 (Page), 13 to 1, third. Time, 1:38.2-5.

Fifth race—mile and a sixteenth, selling—County Clerk, 112 (Goldstein), 2 to 1, first; Silverline, 100 (G. Burns), 3 to 1, second; Agreement, 109 (V. Powers), 4 to 1, third. Time, 1:50.3-5.

Sixth race—mile and a sixteenth, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Seventh race—five furlongs, selling—The Clown, 109 (Upton), 3 to 2, first; Anna Smith, 108 (Grove), 5 to 1, second; A. B. B., 111 (Gore), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.3-5.

Eighth race—mile, selling—Great Jubilee, 108 (Upton), 5 to 1, first; King's Guinea, 111 (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Lillie Turner, 112 (Glasner), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:48.

Ninth race—mile and a sixteenth, selling—Serenade, 104 (S. Davis), 3 to 1, first; Charlotte Hamilton, 101 (Burton), 2 to 5, second; Malecon, 104 (Brown), 10 to 1, third. Time, 1:36.2-5.

Tenth race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Eleventh race—five furlongs, selling—The Clown, 109 (Upton), 3 to 2, first; Anna Smith, 108 (Grove), 5 to 1, second; A. B. B., 111 (Gore), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.3-5.

Twelfth race—mile, selling—Great Jubilee, 108 (Upton), 5 to 1, first; King's Guinea, 111 (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Lillie Turner, 112 (Glasner), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:48.

Thirteenth race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Fourteenth race—five furlongs, selling—The Clown, 109 (Upton), 3 to 2, first; Anna Smith, 108 (Grove), 5 to 1, second; A. B. B., 111 (Gore), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.3-5.

Fifteenth race—mile, selling—Great Jubilee, 108 (Upton), 5 to 1, first; King's Guinea, 111 (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Lillie Turner, 112 (Glasner), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:48.

Sixteenth race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Seventeenth race—five furlongs, selling—The Clown, 109 (Upton), 3 to 2, first; Anna Smith, 108 (Grove), 5 to 1, second; A. B. B., 111 (Gore), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.3-5.

Eighteenth race—mile, selling—Great Jubilee, 108 (Upton), 5 to 1, first; King's Guinea, 111 (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Lillie Turner, 112 (Glasner), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:48.

Nineteenth race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Twentieth race—five furlongs, selling—The Clown, 109 (Upton), 3 to 2, first; Anna Smith, 108 (Grove), 5 to 1, second; A. B. B., 111 (Gore), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.3-5.

Twenty-first race—mile, selling—Great Jubilee, 108 (Upton), 5 to 1, first; King's Guinea, 111 (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Lillie Turner, 112 (Glasner), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:48.

Twenty-second race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Twenty-third race—five furlongs, selling—The Clown, 109 (Upton), 3 to 2, first; Anna Smith, 108 (Grove), 5 to 1, second; A. B. B., 111 (Gore), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.3-5.

Twenty-fourth race—mile, selling—Great Jubilee, 108 (Upton), 5 to 1, first; King's Guinea, 111 (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Lillie Turner, 112 (Glasner), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:48.

Twenty-fifth race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

Twenty-sixth race—five furlongs, selling—The Clown, 109 (Upton), 3 to 2, first; Anna Smith, 108 (Grove), 5 to 1, second; A. B. B., 111 (Gore), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:35.3-5.

Twenty-seventh race—mile, selling—Great Jubilee, 108 (Upton), 5 to 1, first; King's Guinea, 111 (Conley), 15 to 1, second; Lillie Turner, 112 (Glasner), 11 to 10, third. Time, 1:48.

Twenty-eighth race—five and one-half furlongs, selling—Cassowary, 107 (Kelly), 3 to 1, first; Amatus, 114 (Ormes), 5 to 1, second; Caltha, 115 (J. Daly), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:43.

VIRGINIA DOGS WIN FIELD TRIALS

All-Age Stake Finished Under Ideal Weather Conditions.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
SPRAY, N. C., December 8.—The Virginia-Carolina field trials, all-age stake, was finished at noon to-day, with the following winners: First, Dick Swift, owned by Dr. Leigh Buckner, Roanoke, Va.; second, Doc White-stone, owned by J. S. Persinger, Salem, Va.; third, Crown Prince, second, owned by Dr. Buckner; fourth, Ben Greet, owned by Charles B. Cooke, Richmond.

An elegant luncheon was served at the clubhouse, at which women were present.

After luncheon the Virginia Derby was begun. The first race down was Dusky Princess, owned by Frank Kelly, Philadelphia, with Palmetto Nell, owned by Louis Washer, Richmond. They were a good brace, and Nell found a cover. Second race was Felt Mell, owned by Dr. G. A. Sprinkle, Staunton, Va., with Macky Kaskie, owned by Louis Washer. This was a cover, and both dogs flushed a cover. The third race was Ben Greet, owned by Charles B. Cooke, with Teddy R., owned by H. Dawson, Spray. Found a cover, and both dogs found singles; Ben showed best.

Fourth race was Grace Piedmont, owned by O. F. Hoge, Winston-Salem, with Westover Cash Girl, owned by J. L. Reiffender, Westminster, Md.; did well in range.

The sixth and last race was Lows Glenoid, owned by R. T. Stedman, Winston-Salem, with Sports Monitors Count, owned by Sam H. Marsteller, Asheville. This race did not find birds, but did well in range.

The Derby will be finished to-morrow, then the free-for-all stake will be run. The weather to-day was ideal, and prospects are for a continuance during the balance of the week. Birds are not plentiful.

DEFINES WILSON'S POSITION.
Will Retire From League if Goldsboro Is Not Retained.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.]
WILSON, N. C., December 8.—The following statement was made public here to-night regarding Wilson's position in the Eastern Carolina Baseball League.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Wilson Athletic Association, held in the Mayor's office in the city of Wilson last Monday night, the following resolution was passed:

"That prior to the meeting of the Wilson Athletic Association, the following resolution was passed: 'That the Wilson Athletic Association, in its capacity as a league, do not withdraw from the Eastern Carolina League, and, with Durham, form another league.' At the meeting of the Wilson Athletic Association, the following resolution was passed: 'That the Wilson Athletic Association, in its capacity as a league, do not withdraw from the Eastern Carolina League, and, with Durham, form another league.'"

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A Thought for Xmas

The most complete and handsomest line of Men's Smoking Jackets, Bath Robes and Lounging Robes to be found in the city invites the inspection of holiday shoppers interested in gift merchandise of the practical sort. Class, tone and character distinguish the displays, uncommon designs, richest effects, garments sure to prove acceptable to the recipient. Extremely reasonable prices intensify the attractiveness of these elegant displays.

Smoking Jackets of high class double faced cloths in the newest designs, colors and shadings, silk trimmed tuxedo style fastening with two frogs. Wonderful value at \$5.00.